

MOSES PART VI

“WHAT’S IN A CALLING?”

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GENESIS 1:26-27; EXODUS 3:1-4; MATTHEW 16:17-18

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INTRODUCTION

- We are quick to see the supernatural parts of Moses’ story, but so often look past the battle that was his daily journey.

I. WHAT’S A CALLING?

- Calling has everything to do with identity.
- When God called Moses, He called him for who he was and for something he had yet to become.
- Genesis 1:26-27, Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign...”
- Knowing who we are, who we were created to be and what we are created to do requires intimacy with God.
- Without the burning bush there is no deliverance, no affirmation - “I value you and I want to use you.”
- Exodus 3:1-4, “...God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!”
- God is calling him out of his undisciplined angry ways to embrace the person he had always been.
- Moses’ qualification to lead his people out of bondage is his own journey out of bondage.
- Even as he steps into his calling he is still battling the pain, shame, and insecurity of the past.
- He has to rediscover who he was created to be.

II. WHAT MAKES A CALLING?

- The key to this is “God called to him.”

- Calling begins and ends with relationship.
 - First with us and God, He is reaching to us.
 - Second with us and others!
- Calling is woven into the fabric of our being.
- It’s the culmination of all our life shaping experiences from the time you were born.
- It is a fulfillment of something God planted in you long ago.

III. CHASING YOUR CALLING

- Do we pay attention to what our life is saying to us?
- Calling always comes from ‘in here’ not ‘out there.’
- Do we allow space for God to speak to us?
- Do we believe that we can actually be transformed?
- Matthew 16:17-18, Jesus replied, “...you are Peter... and upon this rock I will build my church...”
- Church = Ekklesia = Called out
- Literally our name means ‘to have a calling.’

IV. FIGHTING YOUR CALLING

- Moses pushes God over and over with his excuses and God doesn’t back down.
- Over and over when God called Moses He spoke about relationship.
- He literally names you – “Moses! Moses!”
- We might argue with God, but when we go deep inside to listen, we know that what God is calling us to do is ours to do.

V. CLOSE

- People will be attracted to our lives. We will lead. And the attraction will come as a result of us having met face to face with God.